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TO: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service

Director, National Park Service Director, Geological Survey

Director, Office of Surface Mining

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the

Proposed **Southeast Expansion Project**; FERC No. PF06-31-000; Simpson, Smith, Jasper, and Clark Counties, Mississippi and Choctaw County, Alabama

(ER 06/885) (Agency due date: October 5, 2006

Scoping Meetings: **September 19-21, 2006**)

PLEASE EXPEDITE

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has published the notice of intent to prepare an EIS for the subject project. The NOI was issued on September 5, 2006 and can be viewed on the Commission's website at: http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the notice from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments directly to FERC.

Please provide a copy of any comments made to this Office.

/s/9/7/06 Vijai N. Rai

cc: Assistant Secretaries

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